

# **The Rebellion of Korah**

**Jude 11**

## **Introduction:**

- A. The "rebellion of Korah" is recorded in Numbers 16.
  - 1. Korah of same lineage as Moses and Aaron — Levites and Kohathites.
  - 2. Kohathites chosen for special service to the tabernacle — not priests.
  - 3. Moses chosen to lead Israel — Aaron chosen as priest.
  - 4. Korah led a rebellion against Moses and Aaron — Earth swallowed them.
- B. The "rebellion of Korah" illustrates three disruptive/destructive spirits to orderly society.

## **Discussion:**

### **I. The Spirit of Insubordination.**

- A. Korah's spirit of insubordination.. (vv. 1-7)
  - 1. Supported by influential men .(v. 1,2)
  - 2. Demanded equal rank for all. (v. 3)
- B. Modern spirit of insubordination.
  - 1. Rejects God-ordained order of rank (1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:25; Rom. 13:1; Matt 10:24; 1 Pet. 5:1-5)
  - 2. Disrupts every God-ordained unit of society: Home, State, and Church.

### **II. The Spirit of Ingratitude.**

- A. Korah's ingratitude.
  - 1. Did not appreciate what God had done for them. (vs. 8-10)
  - 2. Allowed envy of priesthood blind them to their blessings.(v. 10).
- B. Other's ingratitude.
  - 1. Ingratitude one sign of ungodliness. (Rom. 1:21; 2 Pet. 3:1)
  - 2. Often do not appreciate what do have because of envy or greed for more or different.

### **III. The Spirit of Murmuring.**

- A. The murmuring at the rebellion of Korah.
  - 1. The murmuring of the rebels. (vs.11-14)
  - 2. The murmuring of all the congregation. (vs. 41-45)
- B. Murmuring is a perpetual problem.
  - 1. Israel (Ex. 15:24; 16:2; 17:3; 1 Cor. 10:10).
  - 2. Jews in Jesus' time. (Matt. 11:16-19).
  - 3. False brethren (Jude 16).

## **Conclusion:**

- A. Let us not rebel against God's order, will, blessing or providence.
- B. Let us always submit to his will without murmuring. (Phil. 2:12-14)